Everybody's Auto-Home store

White's Auto: a little bit of everything

They looked a long time, Carl ard Diane Miller before deciding on Appomattox as the location of their store, Whites Auto Store located in the Triangle Plaza Shopping Center in Appomattox.

Miller a native of Kansas and his wife, Diane, a native of Delaware, knew they liked the State of Virginia better than any place they had traveled, and they had been around a lot. But they wanted just the right place for their business and for a home for their family, Chris, a graduate of James Madison University and employed by Babcock and Wilcox, and Donna, a graduate of Shenandoah College. They chose Appomattox.

Whites Auto Store opened for business in August of 1975. Miller, who served in the United States Air Force for twelve years, had been in Northern Virginia managing a company store for Kelly Springfield and General Tire.

"We spent a lot of time looking for just the right business location," comm ented Miller. It was more than a business location we were after, it was a good place to live and we found it."

Diane Miller who works for First Colony Life Insurance in Lynchburg, handles the bookkeeping end of the business and Donna works full time in the store with her father.

Whites Auto Store has more to offer than automotive accessories, as the name implies. Paint, gardening needs, fertilizer, household appliances, toys, hunting and fishing gear and much more can be found at Whites.

Whites Stores, Inc., the Dealership Division, has recently been bought by the Canadian Tire Company.

We are looking forward to being able to offer more competitive pricing, better service with the new owners," commented Miller.

Whites Auto Store.....a little bit of everything for everybody.

Jamerson Brothers: legacy of hard work

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Moore, George Herbert Jamerson, Jr., Janice Jamerson McCormick, and Dennis Jamerson.

All of the children with the exception of Patsy work for the company. The Jamersons have six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

"We've done well," said Jamerson, "but it didn't come easy. You have to have good customers, and we do. We sure hope our customers will continue, as the old saying goes, we would like to keep on trucking," he concluded.

Appomattox Oil

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Farmers National Bank; next he went to work in the Appomattox Post Office for the late A. R. Harwood who was postmaster.

"Eddie Dinwiddie and Ernest Cole were running the post office," laughed Lewis, remembering," and I had to go over and show them how to do things.

"The post office didn't pay me; Mr. Harwood did. Mr. Dinwiddie made $125.00 a month, Mr. Cold made $100.00 a month and I was making $30.00 and I was showing them how!" laughed McDearmon.

"I worked for the Norfolk and Western Railway, relief work for agents and operators. Then I began working for the RR regularly as a cashier in Hopewell for $165.00 a month," he added.

McDearmon was first married to the late Willie Guthrie Anderson and they had two children, Lewis Jr. who is a partner in the business and Mary Anna M. Lair who is a teacher. His present wife is the former Alice Harris.

Appomattox Oil Company is located on Commerce Street in a building that McDearmon bought from VEPCO. It was originally owned by Appomattox Light Company.

It was in 1964 that Lewis McDearmon Jr., a graduate of VPI/SU and a former teacher, decided to leave the field of education and come into the business with his father as a partner.

Appomattox Oil Company has been distributor for Texaco products for fifty years here in Appomattox; gasoline, home heating oils, industrial oils, greases and lubricants. They also handle tires, batteries, and accessories.

It takes good workers to keep a good business going and the Appomattox Oil Company is fortunate. In the office are Carolyn Smith and Anne Wells. Drivers and helpers include, Richard Wilson, Russell Franklin, Tommy Fleshman, Ronald Hash, and Charlie Abbitt.

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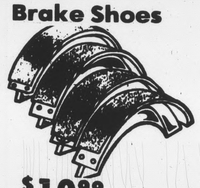

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Strout Realty agent, John Ackerman, has special appreciation for real estate

John Ackerman has always been fascinated with real estate.

Since his boyhood days in New Jersey, when he saw the value of land in certain areas boom from "virtually nothing," John has had a genuine appreciation for land and its potential.

"My grandfather got two lots in southern New Jersey for merely subscribing to a newspaper," John remembers. "The paper had a special subscription drive going on, and the local officials wanted to get the land back on the tax rolls...So if you subscribed, you got a piece of land. Today, those two lots are worth $30,000."

John, who moved to this area in 1980, has been affiliated with Strout Realty in a sales capacity for two years. But he has been familiar with Strout for 20 years. Strout Realty, founded in 1900, deals primarily with farm property.

"I started reading the Strout Realty catalog when I was 15," John says.

That catalog is part of an assembly of sales tools which John feels is unmatched in the real estate industry.

"No one has the sales tools I have," John says. "The 'Strout America' catalog is published three times a year, and has listings from all across America. The catalog is circulated worldwide. Anyone can have one free for the asking."

In addition, a computer print-out is sent to Strout Realty offices each week with the names of people who have requested information about farms.

Strout also has a national information center with a toll-free referral number (1-800-641-4164) which ties a prospective landowner to the more than 600 Strout Realty offices in the United States.

"If a person is interested in some real estate in an area where we don't have an office," John adds, "then we will contact a realtor in that area and get the information for them."

"Listings are the most important part of the real estate business," John says. "And Strout has a listing network which is unsurpassed."

A former pipe fitter, John came to this area because "Appomattox was a name which stuck in my head for years" due to its historical significance," and because the area appealed to him.

"This is a fine place to bring up children," John says. He and his wife Jean have two children: John, age 13, and Keith, age 10.

"There is good productive land in Appomattox," John adds. "People may think that some of the land in the county is not worth much now, but, with its proximity to Lynchburg, you can bet that 20 years down the road that land will be valuable."

John believes that buying land is the "best investment a person can make."

"I am very satisfied to be a part of the Strout Realty system," John concludes. And, given the sales tools at his fingertips, it is easy to see why. Strout Realty, with its catalogs, information center and listing network, lives up to its slogan as the real estate system which extends "All Across America."

Babcock Manor

A home away from home

Situated on three acres, located on highway 691, Babcock Manor, "A Home Away From Home" is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. H. Webster Babcock and managed by Mrs. Patricia B. Paulette.

A home for adults, Babcock Manor opened its doors to the first residents in 1978. Offering a choice of private or semi private rooms, Babcock Manor has a capacity of 32 residents.

Personal consideration is given to the nutritional needs of each resident and carefully planned meals offer a variety in dining.

"We put forth every effort to make Babcock Manor truly a 'Home Away From Home'" said Mrs. Paulette.

"Personal care and consideration for individual needs of the residents are always uppermost in our minds," continued Mrs. Paulette.

Residents are encouraged to attend church and various area ministers conduct devotional periods weekly. Other various activities are planned for the enjoyment of residents.

"When I was planning the home for adults," commented Babcock, "all I could think of was to try to treat the residents with the same love and consideration with which I would wanted to be treated."

Babcock Manor, truly a 'Home Away From Home.'

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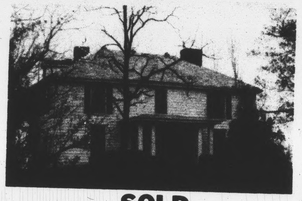

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